

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A combination bone fixation/immobilization apparatus adapted to stabilize a patient's foot and ankle, the apparatus comprising:

a foot plate adapted to have one or more of transfixation wires fixed thereto; and

a substantially rigid leg support assembly adapted to receive a patient's leg, the leg support comprising a cuff and a strap adapted to secure the cuff around the patient's leg;

wherein the leg support is rigidly attached to the foot plate;

whereby a patient's foot may be fixed with transfixation wires, and the foot is simultaneously immobilized with respect to the ankle and lower leg.

2. An apparatus as described in claim 1 further comprising a foot support assembly rigidly attached to the foot plate and adapted to support the sole of a patient's foot.

3. An apparatus as described in claim 1, wherein the leg support includes a liner foreplate.

4. An apparatus as described in claim 2, wherein there is a variable, adjustable height connection between the foot plate and the foot support.

5. An apparatus as described in claim 1, further comprising a three-point attachment of the leg support to the foot plate.

6. An apparatus as described in claim 1, wherein the leg support further comprises a bladder filled with air, other gas, gel, foam or liquid.

7. An apparatus as described in claim 1, wherein the leg support further comprises a foam molded cushion.

8. An apparatus as described in claim 1, wherein the leg support is attached to the foot plate in a generally perpendicular position to a plane including the foot plate.

9. A combination bone fixation/immobilization apparatus adapted to stabilize a patient's foot and ankle, the apparatus comprising:

a foot plate adapted to have one or more transfixation wires fixed thereto;
and

a substantially rigid leg support assembly adapted to receive a patient's leg, the leg support comprising a cuff and a strap adapted to secure the cuff around the patient's leg; and

a foot support assembly rigidly attached to the leg support and adapted to support the sole of a patient's foot;

wherein the foot plate is adapted to be positioned at least partially around and outside the leg and foot support assemblies.

10. An apparatus as described in claim 9, wherein the leg support includes a liner foreplate.

11. An apparatus as described in claim 9, wherein the leg support further comprises an bladder filled with air, other gas, gel, foam or liquid.

12. An apparatus as described in claim 9, wherein the leg support further comprises a foam molded cushion.

13. An apparatus as described in claim 9, wherein the leg support is attached to the foot plate in a generally perpendicular position to a plane including the foot plate.

14. An apparatus as described in claim 9, wherein the leg support and the foot support are a single, continuous piece.

15. An apparatus as described in claim 9, further comprising a strut connected on one end to the leg support and on the opposite end to the foot support.

16. An apparatus as described in claim 15, wherein the rigid attachment between the leg support and foot support is a hinge.